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SEVEN-DAY CHAUTAUQUA PROGRAM OPENS MONDAY

Hon. W. J. Bryan Chief Attraction on Big Program
and Will Lecture on "War and Its Lessons"
Wednesday Evening.

TICKET SALE REACHES 500*

Canvas Will Close Monday Noon
—Chautauqua Tent Here
Saturday

With two and a half days left in which to complete the sale of 700 season tickets the local committee are putting forth strenuous efforts to wind up the sale Monday noon, according to contract, complete financial dealings with the Redpath company and enjoy the seven big days with the other chautauqua goers. At present the indications are very favorable for the accomplishment of this plan, reports from the various chairmen of the ward committees stating that the number of tickets sold is larger than the sale has been at a similar time in any previous year. The automobile ticket squad has been carrying on a county-wide sale the entire week calling on every farmer and soliciting in the villages of the county. The response has been very satisfactory and it is probable that many people will visit the local chautauqua from the surrounding towns.

The arrival of M. M. Witherspoon, advertising man for the Redpath bureau, the first of the week has increased chautauqua enthusiasm in the town districts of the city. Everywhere business men and those on the street are talking chautauqua. Mr. Witherspoon has completed his display advertising, consisting of attractive Redpath chautauqua street banners and pennants and is now devoting all his time to the interests of the local committee. It is announced that the chautauqua tent will reach the city sometime Saturday and will be raised before evening of the same day. With the tent and the crew on the ground ready for the opening program it is expected that the final rush for tickets will occur Saturday evening and Monday morning. Monday noon the price of the tickets will be raised to the three dollar mark and will remain there after the Redpath people take over the sale.

The announcement that Hon. W. J. Bryan will be an extra attraction on the program has resulted in a burst of enthusiasm not only in the city but in the county as well. Partisans of Mr. Bryan have completed plans to receive the distinguished leader and will hold an informal reception if such can be arranged without inconveniencing Mr. Bryan's plans. The largest crowd that ever listened to a lecturer in this city is anticipated by the local committee and as soon as the manager of the chautauqua arrives plans to handle the people will be made. Mr. Bryan will appear in twelve Michigan towns, beginning with Kalamazoo, Saturday, and making two lectures a day for a week. He will arrive in Alma on the afternoon train from Saginaw.

The program, which opens Monday afternoon with the Kallarsen Girls and closes with Mme. Julia Claussen of the Chicago Grand Opera company, a week later, is the finest, most complete and most versatile that a chautauqua bureau has ever presented. From Jacksonville, Florida, where the opening chautauqua occurred in April, the program has been received with greater enthusiasm than any program the Redpath people have sent out in the six summers this bureau has carried on a circuit chautauqua in the central and southern states. Press reports from cities where the Redpath chautauqua has already visited this summer indicate the wonderful success of the program and the real treat Alma is to enjoy this coming week. The tickets are selling steadily and your reservation is the one thing you should attend to as soon as possible. The chautauqua will be held on the grounds on north state street, which was presented to the city several years ago as a permanent chautauqua site.

Among the many well known lecturers on the week's program none has attracted so much attention as that given by Allen D. Albert on "Forces That Make Cities." Mr. Albert, president of the International association of Rotary clubs, chairman of Civic Federation of Minnesota and president of the Minnesota academy of social sciences, is a busy man who gives all his time to social welfare. He has a close association with many of the great men of the nation and is therefore qualified to speak with authority. The fine spirit of the man and his earnestness everywhere. In fact he is a specialist in town and city problems and devotes himself to the study of the forces that control community development. A noon-hour luncheon may be arranged in order that Mr. Albert may give the citizens and business men of Alma a few facts concerning the city.

The great musical number of the week, the grand concert on the closing night of the chautauqua by Mme. Julia Claussen, is a fitting climax to the week. Mme. Claussen's success for the past twelve weeks on the

chautauqua circuit has been pronounced and the ovations she has been given are indicative of her ability. Mme. Claussen has been singing to a different audience than has been her custom, but in every particular she has shown her adaptability to reach her listeners. She has made thousands of friends this summer. The tour has been a delight to herself as well as her audiences. Mme. Claussen is assisted in her program by Pierre Henrotte, concert master of the Chicago Grand Opera company, and Marcel Charlier, director of the French operas of the Chicago Grand Opera company.

Among the other musical numbers on the program are the White Hussars, the Schuman Quartet, the Weatherwax Quartet, and the Kallarsen Girls. The lecturers of the week are men of national and international reputations. Charles Stelzle, Allen D. Albert, William Rainey Bennett, Ernest Harold Baynes, Dr. Ng Poon Chew, and Dr. E. T. Hagerman and W. E. Wenner compose the list of lecturers. The morning lecturers, story telling and play ground work will be conducted as usual by an experienced lecturer and a play ground worker.

ADVERTISE YOUR HOME CITY IF YOU WANT IT TO GROW

Most People Know Very Little
About Local Conditions—
Get Facts About City

If you were asked by a stranger to describe the city where you live how much could you tell him of Alma, Michigan? How much advertising could you do for your city by giving the reasons for Alma being one of the most progressive cities in the state? The chances are the majority would elaborate on the few things that have accidentally come to their attention and when the stranger took leave he would forget that there ever was such a town as Alma on the map.

Just as a sort of test put down the number of miles of water mains, the miles of cement sidewalks. How much do our schools cost? How many pupils are enrolled? How many teachers are employed? What is the assessed valuation of our city? How many miles of paving have we? How many factories are in the city? How many people are dependent upon them? There are a great many more questions that could be asked, but when you commence to pound your brain for the answers you will realize how little you know about the city in which you live. If you are unable to give the information what help are you in advertising your home town. A real live enthusiastic citizen will never lose the opportunity to boost his home town no matter where he is, and the surest way to make an impression is to be informed. If you want to make this town the best in the state you have got to let the world know that we are awake. When you are away this summer don't forget to advertise for Alma? If you haven't the information necessary call at this office.

Here are a few things to think about:

What have you done for Alma today?

Have you told any one about the beautiful town we have here and the intelligent class who make up its citizenry?

Have you told any one about the beautiful homes and attractive streets in Alma?

Have you told anyone about the excellent railroad service afforded this city?

Have you told anyone that we have the largest motor truck company in the world, located in Alma?

Have you told anyone about the numerous manufacturing concerns that are doubling their business every year?

Have you mentioned the fact to anyone that \$300,000 has been spent in this city during the past six months on buildings?

Have you told anyone about the up-to-date stores in Alma?

Have you told anyone that Alma is clean, healthy, orderly, and a delightful place in which to live?

If you haven't done this, you have not done your duty.

Do it now for Alma.

Miss Della Struthers of Pontiac is spending a few days with Miss Maude Hooper at her home on Philadelphia avenue. Miss Struthers was a member of the class of 1913 of Alma college.

Redpath Chautauqua Children's Workers



ONE of the most popular features of the Redpath Chautauquas is the work for the boys and girls during the mornings of Chautauqua week. The forward looking thought of the times is giving more and more consideration to the needs of the child. The connection between playgrounds and morals, between the healthy directed activities of childhood and the future moral integrity of the nation, is steadily growing clearer. We are glad to emphasize this growing conviction by calling attention to the work of the Redpath Chautauquas among the children which seeks to interest them in stories, constructive games and character developing programs.

This season bird stories and nature studies will be taken up each morning, looking forward to the children's pageant in connection with "The Masque" on the sixth night. The young ladies in charge of the Chautauqua play ground and story telling work will begin on the morning of the opening day, a change from last season, which the boys and girls will welcome. Each child between the ages of six and fourteen years who enrolls in the children's work must have a child's season ticket.

Each of the young ladies in the photograph will have charge of the children's work at a separate Chautauqua.

ROGERS TO DECATUR Former Alma College Athletic Star Appointed Coach

Verne E. Rogers, a graduate of Alma college with the class of 1914, has been appointed athletic director of Decatur, Illinois, high school and will commence his work there about Sept. 1st. Mr. Rogers has been taking work at the University of Illinois summer school during the vacation and was selected out of many applicants for the position. While in college here Mr. Rogers took an active part in all lines of athletics and gained an enviable reputation in Michigan athletic circles.

ALMA BIRD CLUB ORGANIZED BY HAROLD BAYNES

Two Years Ago Mr. Baynes Suggested Idea—Club Has Grown Since

Two years ago the Alma Bird Club was organized under the direction of Mr. Harold Baynes, whose lecture at that time is well remembered by all who had the good fortune to hear him. One year ago the idea of a bird sanctuary fostered by the club and given largely over to school children of the city for the purpose of increasing the interest in birds and their protection was received with much enthusiasm. As a result of it all, upon petition by the school children the city council granted permission to the children to use the little park opposite the union school for this purpose. This is a beginning, but it is only a beginning.

The time is come when everyone ought to interest himself in making out of this beginning the thing which all desire to see—a real bird sanctuary—where the birds will have a chance and a safe place in which to increase and become more useful in their work for us. Two things should be done toward this. First the school park should have better protection and in the spring more trees, hawthorns, dogwoods, elder bushes, and other shrubs and wild fruit-bearing trees, should be planted. The second thing is to extend this work up along the river at every possible point until the river, is a continuous parkway, no matter whether the city, private individuals or corporations own the grounds. Much of this ground is not occupied because of natural uses and for the uses which the future citizens will be even more grateful, than we would now be grateful if the river were already a beautiful parkway.

Mr. Baynes is coming back to Alma and every one of us are very much interested in what he will have to say. We haven't forgotten him, nor what he has done all over the country for the birds. Let us all let him know that we have not forgotten by what we are trying to do and are ready to do in this game for the birds.

Alma is growing, and in this growth why not be wise in time and add to the value and wealth of our city by making it in every way, the cleanest, brightest, healthiest, town in all this good land of ours—ours only if we are worthy of it. If you have bought a vacant lot, plant trees and shrubbery on it. This adds value to your property, and helps the birds, which add millions annually to the crops of the farmers and fruit growers of the country, and pay their rent for all we do for them by their songs and company—a company in which we all can have all the stock we want. Be sure you get your share. H. M. M.

AXE TO FALL IF LAWS NOT OBEYED

Health Department will Enforce Ordinances to the Letter says Dr. Carney

FIRST WEEK BRINGS RESULTS

Instruction Cards to be Placed in Every House in City—Garbage Matter Settled

Continued efforts on the part of City Health Commissioner, Carney, resulted in the passage of a third ordinance at the regular meeting of the council Tuesday evening. The ordinance affects the disposal of stable refuse and the proper removal of the same at regular certified times. It went into immediate effect. The health department is of the opinion that such an ordinance will be one of the most beneficial to the city's health and mean to enforce it to the letter.

"In causing this ordinance to go into immediate effect it is not the intention of the authorities to nab the offenders before they have become acquainted with the stipulations of the law. We are going to give them a reasonable time to clean up and with a limited number of reminders. The axe will fall if they give no heed to our warnings." These statements were made by Dr. Carney this morning when discussing the situation.

During the week the disposal of the city garbage has taken the attention of the leaders of the campaign and contracts were signed Wednesday with Vern Colburn to act as city garbage collector. Mr. Colburn is to have all the garbage of the city in so far as the department and council can control its disposal. The contract states that Mr. Colburn will have the collection of garbage in the city for five years as long as the business is carried on satisfactorily to the authorities.

Dr. Carney and Mr. Colburn were in Grand Rapids the first of the week making an investigation of the methods used of that city. They state that Alma can dispose of the garbage in practically the same manner. Mr. Colburn is to provide himself with regular wagons for the collection of the refuse and remove it without the city limits. The Grand Rapids board went into detail with Mr. Colburn and gave him many valuable suggestions regarding the garbage business, which he will endeavor to carry out in the city. It is the plan of the health department to make a collection every day in the down town districts of the city and every other day in the residential sections.

Within the next few days the department with the assistance of the Civic League will place in every house in the city printed instruction cards relative to the garbage situation in the city. The stipulations on the card state the time for collection, where garbage cans are to be placed and the cleaning methods that will have to be followed out in order to make the new system as sanitary as possible. The health department expects to make a city census explaining any part of the plan that is not understood.

SEIZED BY CRAMPS AND DROWNS IN SHALLOW WATER

Earl Webb Drowns at Bass Lake Sunday Morning—Oris Evans Saved

At the same time friends were working over the body of his companion, Oris Evans, Earl Webb 14-years-old, was seized with cramps and drowned in a few feet of water while swimming at Bass Lake, Sunday morning. The body was found a few minutes later. The Webb boy was one of a party of five boys, who had come to the lake in the morning to swim. He was the only son of Mrs. George Webb of Elwell. This is the first drowning accident that has occurred at Bass Lake for many years and the first of the season in this vicinity.

The boys came from their homes in Elwell, Sunday morning, and when within a mile from the lake began running. They jumped into the water as soon as they arrived it is stated. The Webb boy had a pair of water wings and was swimming in shallow water when the Evans lad called to him to let him have the wings. His calls for help brought the others of the party to his rescue. The group on the shore reviving Evans were so excited that they forgot about the other boy and he drowned in easy reach of safety. It is thought that the water wings slipped from his shoulders and with the fact that he was not very well caused the drowning. Many resorters were at the lake and did all they could to revive the boy.

FIRST ANNUAL PICNIC

Gratiot County Barbers Gather at Crystal Lake for Outing

The first annual barbers convention of the county was held at Crystal Lake, Tuesday, with an attendance of fifty members of the profession and their families. Over 100 sat down at the banquet at the Lakeside Hotel. Officers for the ensuing year were elected. The following men were chosen to lead the organization: President, Edward Parker, Ithaca; vice president, R. V. Forst, St. Louis; secretary and treasurer, Arthur Whitling, Alma. An entertainment committee to manage the convention for next year was appointed and consists of John Parker, Ithaca; Will Cuff, St. Louis and R. V. Lott, Alma. Every shop in the county was closed for the day.

WANT TO CENSOR FILMS

Crusade Commences in City Against Social Problem Plays

A crusade against the showing of moving pictures of the social problem type was organized this week by leading citizens and the suggestion made at the meeting of the council Tuesday night to close the city to such films. Mayor McKinney made an investigation this week, but has made no statements upon the matter. The crusade is leveled at the Vaudeville theatre, which has contracted with a well known film concern to produce pictures in this city once a week. It is stated that the city has an ordinance which will cover the condition in case the pictures are as bad as the complainants insinuate.

Manager Genesta made the following statement in defending his position. "I am not offering these pictures to the public to create a stir in the city. These same pictures are shown in Saginaw and Detroit and come direct to this play house. The Michigan Board of Censors has passed unanimously on them, and no film will ever be thrown on the screen unless sanctioned by the board. The public are continually demanding social problem plays and it is in answer to this demand that the management of the Vaudeville theatre is devoting one night a week to these films. In asking that children be left out on Monday nights, I am doing it because I think they are not old enough to appreciate the plot of the picture. This is more of an experiment and will continue just as long as the patrons of the theatre demand this class of plays."

RACES WERE SUCCESS

A large number of horsemen and enthusiasts spent the afternoon, today, at the Alma Driving Club's new park on Wright avenue and saw some real fast races. Several horses from Ithaca, St. Louis and Breckenridge started. The results of the matinee will be given in next week's issue.

AUSTRALIANS TAKE POZIERES BY CHARGE IN DARK

In First Real Test on Western Front—Southern Sea Men Gain Glory

Frederick Palmer, the foremost authority at the battle front in Europe today gives the honor of the week's greatest accomplishment to the Australians. He has the following interesting things to tell of the Australians:

"To the Australians is the glory of this week's action, which takes the British offensive to the end of the third week and what might be called the third phase. Mud-covered men return from the trenches and rested battalions take their places. Prisoners taken in each fresh attack express the same wonder at the persistent hammering of the British. It has gone on 24 hours a day, the army fighting at night as well as day.

"Pozieres will be a hard nut to crack everybody has been saying in the last few days, as he looked at the sticks of trees and the ruins of the knoll above Ovillers. That task was given to the Australians early this week.

"Smooth shaven, clear cut of feature—there is no mistaken in the Australian at the front. He wears a slouch hat while all the rest of the British army wear caps. A rising sun is his badge. His ways are democratic, his pay is the highest of any soldier in Europe, which he spends freely. Open air men with plenty of initiative, some say that the discipline of the Australian is poor. Asked if he did not know it was the hardest test for military organization, came the news, when there was little news from the other points of attack, that the Australians were past their objective, and then on the main streets of Pozieres, which is the main road to Bapaume, and hugging close the Germans on the other side of the street, so that the German artillery could not fire.

"People had said that either the Austrians would get there or be killed, and the surprising thing, the wounded, say is how few were killed.

"Birdie has his plans made all right," say the Australians. He always knows about what he is doing.

"Birdie," is the nickname of Lieut. Gen. Birdwood, their commander, whom they would follow through any hot place. His friendship with them conceals a steel discipline."

NOTICE

Parties wishing a dray for freight or baggage leave word at Record office and your wants will be cared for.

BAMBER'S DRAY LINE

PUBLIC LIBRARY WANTED FOR CITY

Civic League will give \$1000
Towards Site—Ask
City For Rest

WRIGHT PARK TO BE IMPROVED

Bond Issue Favorably Received
by Citizens—Council Starts
Educational Campaign

Petitions, delegations, requests and the regular routine of business kept the city council at work until a late hour at the regular session Tuesday evening. Despite the terrific heat City Clerk Gallagher had no pity and it was past midnight before the gavel sounded and the session closed. It was the longest meeting of the summer.

The executive committee of the Civic League was given an audience early in the evening and discussed with the council the proposition of taking steps towards securing a Carnegie library for the city. The delegation requested that the council assist them in buying a site for the building and with this assurance it was thought that the Carnegie Library Foundation fund would be willing to give the usual amount of money to establish a library in a city of this population. Mrs. Francis King, president of the Civic League, in presenting the matter had the following to say:

"The Civic League for several years has maintained a free reading room for the boys and men of the city, but there has been nothing for the others living in the city. It seems to us that the erection of a public library is an essential part in this city's growth and for that reason we are asking you assist us in this endeavor. A site for a library in this city will cost about \$4,000. The league has \$1,000 and it is willing to give this sum to assist in purchasing the site. The league asks that the city give the remaining \$3,000." The cost of up-keep of a public library will fall upon the city and amounts usually to 10 per cent of the original principal given for the construction of the building."

The park question was again put before the council by the league and urgent requests made that immediate steps be taken to beautify it. The assistance of an expert will probably be secured in the near future. The ladies of the league are very anxious that a permanent endowment fund be set aside for improvements and up-keep of the park. It was suggested that \$3,000 would be sufficient for this endowment.

No further steps were taken by the council relative to the bonding proposition other than the proposal to commence the educational campaign in order that something may be accomplished early in the fall. It was the general opinion among the councilmen that the enthusiasm over the bonding idea was increasing. Requests coming for water and sewerage from the sections where the proposed improvements are to be made indicate that the issue will receive strong support among property holders there.

If a property holder builds a house on the rear of his lot where he already has one home has the city the right to collect for tapping the sewer a second time was fully discussed. Owing to the many homes that are being erected this thing is done and no expense has been charged for persons tapping the sewers. Property holders say they have paid once for tapping and that seems enough to them. The council were of the opinion that a second collection should be made and an ordinance should be made all undoubted be drawn-up soon.

The plat for the Snyndside subdivision was submitted to the council for approval and was put in the hands of a committee to investigate the arrangement of the lots and location and width of roads and alleys.

It is probable that the city will purchase one or more pulmoters for the safety of the citizens. The matter was presented to the council by C. G. Rhodes. While no action was taken Tuesday evening, the council were impressed with the need after the remarks made by Mr. Rhodes.

ENJOYABLE PICNIC

A very delightful picnic was enjoyed by the alumni of Alma college, who are in the city this summer, President and Mrs. Crooks and several members of the faculty at the Pines, Monday evening. About thirty were present. Among those present from out of the city were Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Sidebotham of Milwaukee, Dr. and Mrs. Fred Soule of Baltimore and Miss Della Struthers of Pontiac.

APPOINTED DISTRIBUTORS

C. M. Johnson and L. C. Stinchcomb, both of this city, have been appointed by the Kitchen Service Company to represent them throughout the state. The Kitchen Service Company are manufacturers and distributors of "Minit" Cleaning machines for washing and sterilizing dishes, silver and pans. The state offices for this company will be maintained in this city.